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HB 589

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Chair Elsie Arntzen
and Members of the House Local Government Committee
Montana House of Representatives
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Sent via email and FAX to (406) 444-4825

Chair Arntzen and Honorable Members of the House Local Government Committee:

The City of Missoula would like to go on record in support of Representative Everett's House Bill 589, revising requirements for first minor subdivisions.

HB589 is proposing a change in subdivision law that changes the property research requirement to the previous ten years rather than back to 1973. The purpose of the research is to determine if a project is a subsequent minor subdivision. Property record research back to 1973 is oftentimes difficult and time consuming. This proposal will require less staff time to determine when a subdivision is a minor or a subsequent minor subdivision.

Passage of this legislation will streamline the subdivision review process at a time when every jurisdiction in western Montana is struggling to keep pace with the number of subdivision applications being submitted.

The City of Missoula encourages you to support House Bill 589.

Sincerely,

John Engen
Mayor

cc: The Missoula Delegation
Alec Hanson, Director Montana League of Cities and Towns